

TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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THE FUTURE SPIRIT: PART 9





URGGGHHH...!!!

A black and white manga-style illustration of a man with dark hair, wearing a dark jacket, screaming in pain. He is leaning against a large, dark, rectangular object, possibly a piece of machinery or a wall. His mouth is wide open, and his eyes are squeezed shut. A jagged speech bubble is positioned above his head.



AAAGHH!!!

A black and white manga-style illustration of a man's face, screaming in pain. His mouth is wide open, showing his teeth, and his eyes are squeezed shut. His face is contorted with agony, and sweat or tears are visible on his forehead. A jagged speech bubble is positioned above his head.





JL..
JIYOUNG..



LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE..!

UH.. UGH..



THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED..
IF I HADN'T RECOMMENDED THIS JOB...





T..THANKS,
HONEY..

AH,
ARE YOU
AWAKE...?

I THOUGHT
I WOULD NEVER
SEE YOU AND
MY DAD
AGAIN..

BUT HONEY..

HM?



THAT RING..
IS IT REALLY THAT
VALUABLE..?

A close-up of a man and a woman in a dark, rainy setting. The woman, with long brown hair, is looking up at the man. The man, with dark hair, is looking down at her. Rain is falling around them, creating a somber and intimate atmosphere.

YEAH,
IT IS..

A speech bubble from the man, indicating his response to the woman's question.

TAP

TAP



A man and a woman are shown from the waist up, embracing each other in a dark, rainy setting. The man is wearing a dark shirt, and the woman is wearing a dark top. Rain is falling around them, creating a somber and intimate atmosphere. The word 'TAP' is written twice in a stylized font, once on the left and once on the right, suggesting the sound of rain or a heartbeat.

I'LL TELL
YOU EVERYTHING
ONCE WE GET
OUT OF HE-

A speech bubble from the man, indicating his intention to tell the woman everything once they are out of the current situation.







JINYOUNG...

I'LL TELL
YOU NOW.
SO LISTEN
CAREFULLY...



I CAN
ACTUALLY...

SEE GHOSTS..



THERE'S A
CERTAIN TYPE OF
GHOST CALLED A
FUTURE SPIRIT...

THEY'RE
SPIRITS THAT FOLLOW
AROUND PEOPLE WHO
ARE DESTINED TO
DIE SOON.

RIGHT NOW,
THERE'S ONE
FOLLOWING YOU
AROUND TOO.

GRUMBLE

CRACK

BUT THEY CAN'T
DO ANYTHING TO YOU
WHEN YOU'RE WEARING
THAT RING.



HEY...
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT...?

THERE'S NO
TIME TO EXPLAIN
ANYMORE NOW...



DON'T EVER
TAKE THAT RING
OFF FOR THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE...!

THAT WAY
YOU'LL SURVIVE...!



HOLD ON
TIGHT!!

WHISH









HUFF...!

CRACK

KSH

HUFF...!

A person with dark hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, is crouching in a dark, rocky environment. The person's hands are clasped in front of them. The background is filled with dark, jagged rock formations and some vertical lines, possibly from a screen or a window. The overall tone is somber and mysterious.

HUFF..!

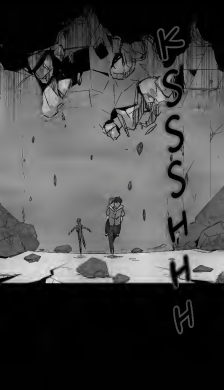
HUFF..!

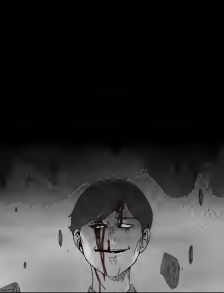




CRACK

CREEAAK





AHHH



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HUH..?

I'M ALIVE..?

I THOUGHT
I DIED WHEN
THE CEILING
COLLAPSED..

HUH..!?





W..WHAT'S
THIS DOING ON
MY HAND..?



WHAT ABOUT
JIYOUNG..?



THREE DAYS AFTER
THE EARTHQUAKE
OCCURRED..



THE NUMBER OF
CONFIRMED DEATHS
HAS CURRENTLY
REACHED OVER 2,000..



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EVEN NOW,
THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT
AFTERSHOCKS COULD
CAUSE ADDITIONAL DAMAGE.



MANY PEOPLE ARE
BLAMING THE LACK OF
EARTHQUAKE-RESISTANT
DESIGN AND REINFORCEMENT
IN BUILDINGS FOR THE
SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.



JINYOUNG..





AH..!!



A FUTURE
SPIRIT..!?



To be continued..



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